

REMARKS

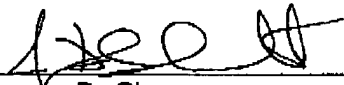
The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1-8 (Group I) and claims 9-23 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect without traverse claims 9-23 (Group II) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-8 (Group I) have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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